Educators for the 21st Century

**Background**

The Educators for the 21st Century competitive grant program (formerly known as the Washington Higher Education Improving Teacher Quality grant program) provides partnership grants for professional development projects serving K-12 educators. The Washington Student Achievement Council administers the program, which is federally funded under Title II of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

To date, the Council and its predecessor, the Higher Education Coordinating Board, have awarded grants to 46 projects.

**Request for Proposals**

The Washington Student Achievement Council requests proposals for professional development partnership grants to help K-12 educators implement the Smarter Balanced interim assessments.

Partnerships must include:

1. A college or university teacher/principal preparation unit.
2. A college or university school of arts and sciences, such as a mathematics or English department, that offers a major in a core academic subject relevant to the interim assessments.
3. At least one high-need school district.

Additional schools (public, charter, or private nonprofit), school districts, educational service districts, universities, or colleges are also encouraged to participate. See the Request for Proposals for a complete list of optional partners.

Up to $900,000 total is available to fund one or more projects serving schools within target regions defined by the boundaries of the state’s nine educational Service Districts.  Projects may request up to $100,000 per target region served.

Selected professional development activities will be funded for April 16, 2015–June 30, 2016. One hundred percent of the funding is federal, and none is from other sources.

Important Dates:

**• January, 9, 2015 – Bidder’s conference**

**• January 16, 2015 (5:00 p.m.) – Notice of intent to apply due**

**• March 3, 2015 (5:00 p.m.) – Proposals due**

Visit <http://www.wsac.wa.gov/21-educators> to download the Request for Proposals, and contact Mark Bergeson (360-753-7881 or [markb@wsac.wa.gov](mailto:markb@wsac.wa.gov)) if you have questions.